





THE BIG QUESTION

Back in MAD #462, we asked readers which celebrity's iPod they would like to see cranked up to a dangerously high volume. The competition was stiff — apparently there are lots of celebrities that our readers would like to see with

permanent hearing damage! However, the overwhelming winner was Renaissance woman Paris Hilton! Thanks to everyone for writing in!



A TWIN-TWIN SITUATION

My twin brother Noah is obsessed with your magazine, Spy Vs. Spy and Alfred E. Neuman. He talks about all of them 24 hours a day. I already have headaches over his constantly talking of MAD, Spy Vs. Spy and Alfred. If he talks more about them all, I think I'll get a migraine. So please do us all a favor, print this letter in your magazine so I can show my twin brother Noah there's better things in life than MAD Magazine, Spy Vs. Spy and Alfred E. Neuman.

Nathan Stanford, Address Withheld

Nate Dogg — Yeah, we'll print your letter, but we're not sure how that explains to Noah that there's more to life than MAD, Spy Vs. Spy and Alfred E. Neuman. Actually, you seem pretty obsessed with them yourself! We were, however, struck by the whole twin aspect of your letter. Are you identical twins? Do you dress alike? Do you complete each others sentences?

And most importantly, as your brother a





SUB CRAWL

I have had subscriptions for MAD magazine for two years. My brother always gets the subscriptions for me at Christmas. Last year, he said he got me a subscription but the magazines stopped coming. We soon found out that he forgot to pay for the subscription! So I waited until this Christmas and just found out that he didn't get a subscription for me. I was mad! I really enjoy reading your magazine, so I was wondering if I get the Envelope of the Month, would I get a free subscription?

Emily Walker, Titusville, PA

Walkie Talkie — Great idea! Yes, you would win a free MAD subscription for the Envelope of the Month! Unfortunately, we are not running an Envelope of the Month this issue so you're out of luck. Thanks for being such a fan and good luck getting your deadbeat brother to cough up a subscription! —Ed.



THE ED.'S NIFTY FIFTY™

That's right! It's time for the latest installment of a little something we like to call the Nifty Fifty™! Here's this year's rundown of the celebrities we'd most liked to see photographed with a copy of MAD! Simply send in the pics (Sorry, photos cannot be returned) and if we print it you will receive a three-year MAD subscription (a one-year if they aren't holding it). Plus, you'll also get a special secret surprise (in addition to any restraining orders you get along the way)! So get out there and start hassling stars! Of course, we also want regular Celebrity Snaps as well!

- Skiing "Phenom" Bode Miller
- Ball-Hogging Billionaire Kobe Bryant
- •"Lazy Sunday" MCs Chris Parnell and/or Andy Samberg
- •Cow-"Poker" Heath Ledger
- Patrick "Dr. McDreamy" Dempsey
- Deadbeat Dad Kevin Federline
- Stupid Siblings Jessica or Ashlee Simpson
- Chubby Man-Child Andy Milonakis
- Improv Idiot Nick Cannon
- •Dork-For-Hire Steve Carell
- . Daily Show Refugee Stephen Colbert
- Jon "Napolean Dynamite" Heder
- •Increasingly-Mannish Fergie from The Black Eyed Peas
- •Supreme Court Newbie Samuel Alito
 •Human Hunting Target Harry Whittington
- Semi-Evolved Caveman Johnny Damon
- •Fake O.C.er's Stephen Colletti or Kristen Cavallari

- Clock-Wearing Crazy Flavor Flav
- •Any Half of Brangelina
- •A Tad Too Precious 12-Year-Old Dakota Fanning
- Jo "Super Nanny" Frost
- · A-Team D-Lister Mr. T
- Rapper/Producer/Egomaniac Kanye West

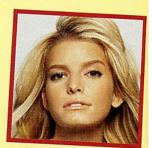
complete doorknob just like you? Thanks for writing! —Ed.

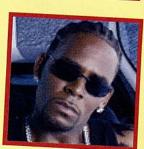
- •Dane "Your Shirt's Too Tight" Cook
- Jeremy "Hug It Out, Bitch" Piven
- •Scarlett "Doesn't My Ass Look Good On the Cover of Vanity Fair" Johansson
- Any Surviving Beatle
- Jamie "Tubbs" Foxx
- Celebrity Cuckold Sienna Miller
- •Harelipped Heartthrob Joaquin Phoenix
- Desperate Housewife Teri Hatcher
- •Any Cast Member of the Real World Key West (except Jose)
- •God's Wingman Pope Benedict XVI
- •Disgraced Million Little Pieces Author James Frey





- •Brainwashed Baby-Mama Katie Holmes (w/o Tom Cruise)
- •The Creepy Burger King Dude
- Dysfunctional Divas Whitney Houston and Bobby Brown
- British Bombshell Keira Knightley
- •Freakishly Tall Asian Yao Ming
- Natalie "I Shaved my Head for This Crap?" Portman
- Super-Rich Super-Nerds Larry Page and Sergey Brin
- Goofy Gabber Ellen DeGeneres
- •Tough-Lovin' Good Ol' Boy Dr. Phil
- •Breast Man Jim Perdue
- •DC Comics Senior Vice President Dan DiDio
- •Camera-Hogging Counselor Gloria Allred
- Pubescent-Chick Lit Zillionaire Meg Cabot
- Michael "You're Doing a Heckuva Job, Brownie" Brown
- •Modern-Day Shakespeare R. Kelly
- Any Surviving Monty Python Member









Make A Dumb Wish Foundation™

My husband and I have a wish for the *Make A Dumb Wish Joundation*. We are celebrating our one-year anniversary on February 7. However, we realized we never had a wedding announcement published. We were hoping our favorite magazine could publish it for us now in celebration of our wedding. *FHM* wouldn't publish it though, so we figured we'd give MAD a shot. After all, Alfred E. Neuman was the judge that married us!

Vanessa and Chris Brown, Verona, NJ

Brownies — We've decided to grant your dumb wish. Here's the wedding announcement you've always wanted!



Vanessa Anne Victoria Valandingham and Christopher Brown were married on February 7, 2005. The couple share many interests, including, writing annoying letters to magazines, color-coordinating their wedding outfits and crudely photoshopping their wedding pictures.

We were happy to grant this wish, but please don't come begging to us in another six months to print the divorce announcement! Thanks for writing the Make A Damb Wish Foundation™—Ed

LYDIA WITH BILL O'REILLY ON THE LEFT (FOR A CHANGE!)

COSTUME RAIDER

At WonderCon, a comic and Pop-culture convention held in San Francisco in February, the winners of the costume contest were none other than the Black and White Spies! No word on how long it was before they were detained by Homeland Security officers!



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TREASURE PEST

I thought you should know that, after many months, I have finally found the map that leads to the treasure you secretly buried somewhere. In MAD #462 in the Fundalini Pages under "Vey To Go," there is a picture behind the two men. Obviously, that is a map of roads that will lead to the treasure. Now all I have to do is recover the other half of the map and find where the roads are in the world. I will not rest until I have!

Ryson Owens, Virginia Beach, VA

Ryson-Roni — Well, you're on to us, — you have discovered the top secret MAD treasure map! Because you're such a brilliant detective, we are going to save you the trouble and reveal the rest of the hidden clues:

- 1) Locate the nearest wall
- 2) Take 10 steps away from it
- Turn around and run 10 steps back, directly into the wall at full force
- Repeat until you no longer have the urge to send us moronic letters! Remember, do not rest until you have! —Ed.

ALFRED LOOK-A-LIKE

This is the real Max Korn. He's holding a copy of the December 1993 MAD Magazine (the month and year he was born.) It's from his grandfather's extensive collection of MADs. We were wondering if Max and Alfred could be related because there certainly is a strong resemblance.



llene and Julius Korn, N. Hollywood, CA

Children of the Korn — Wow! This kid doesn't stand a freakin' chance! Let's look at the odds stacked up against him: 1) He comes from a gene pool that's left him looking like Alfred, 2) If that wasn't bad enough, his parents decided to name him after a MAD character, 3) To really put the screws to him, his grandparents sent in a photo and letter to that magazine to really call attention to it. Why stop there? Why not go the extra mile and pay his classmates to pummel him each day? Good luck, Max — you're going to need it! —Ed.

CELEBRITY SNAPS

O.K. I got him! Number 12 on your Nifty Fifty^{IM} list, Bill O'Reilly. Don't you think this warrants a lifetime subscription? I'm kind of old, so who knows how many issues that will be! Better not make fun of him, he smiled and was very gracious when I mentioned MAD.

Lydia Woods, Ft. Lauderdale, FL

Woodie — Congrats! You got O'Reilly holding not one, but TWO humor publications — MAD and the equally hilarious *The O'Reilly Factor For Kids!* Congrats on your three-year subscription — and because it's a Nifty Fiftym, you'll also be getting a special gift! —Ed.

READER ALERT

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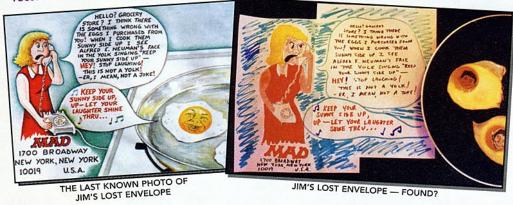
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You might recall back in MAD #463 Jim Hutchings wrote in to report that one of his Envelopes of the Month had been lost before he was able to mail it into us. Oddly (some would say obsessively), Jim photographed the envelope and was able to send it in so we could start the search for his missing missive. This month, we received a hot lead!

As you can clearly see from the enclosed photo, I have in my possession the stolen MAD Envelope of the Month. I cannot reveal how I took ownership, but we can make a deal. I will trade it for a subscription to MAD Kids or one poiuyt. Let me know, and no fuzz!

Scott "Cheese" Borger, Painesville, OH

Make a Run for the Borger — Sounds good to us! We ran your picture by our Department of Lost Fine Art and Artifacts, and after a series of tests comparing it to the picture Jim sent in, they deemed it "close enough"! So, case closed! Good luck brokering the ransom with Jim! -Ed.



READER ALERT II

Everyone who was lucky enough to have their letter printed will receive an EyeToy: Play 2[™] (including EyeToy® USB Camera) for PlayStation® 2. For you poor suckers who didn't get a letter printed, you can still shell out your hard earned cash to buy one. Maybe next time you'll write!



URINE FOR A GOOD TIME

MAD #462 was great! I especially like the "MAD's Do-It-Yourself American Idol Judges' Critiques" and "Louse". I watch the show House and I think the jokes about the insulting that Dr. House does and the jokes about the whole show itself were genius! The American Idol Judges Critiques was a piece of genius too! As Paula might say, you had me wetting my pants!

Mary Sideburn, Abington, PA

Burnsie — Thanks for the letter. We hope that when you bought this issue you also picked up a package of Depends! -Ed.

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Does steel wool come from mechanical sheep? — acid_soda...Do goats poop out the cans they eat? — dragonmaster54... Am I the only one who gets shivers when I'm in line at the store? — madder36... school buses taste funny — vollyball9812... Sometimes I feel like a vampire – famerican...Not the brightest crayon on the tree, are we? Oh wait... — porpington9.

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BREAKING NEWS FROM THE WORLD OF SPORTS

Concord, North Carolina — In an effort to address ever-rising gas prices, NASCAR announced today that it has transformed itself into a new fuel-efficient car racing league.

Under the proposed plan, NASCAR will immediately be replaced by NASCARPOOL. Drivers will now be grouped four to a car, with one driver and three carpooling "backseat drivers.'

"In addition to conserving natural resources, we think having drivers contend with late carpool members and fights over the radio will add another challenging layer to what is already a grueling sport," said NASCARPOOL spokesman Tom Romsplatt.

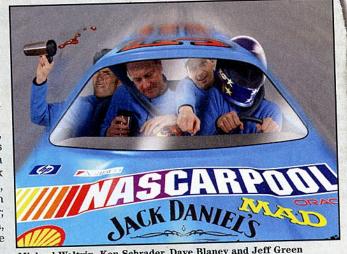
Some drivers, however, weren't so روان است به العراق بين والعراق والمراود والمراود

sure. Dale Earnhardt Jr. asked, "What if somebody's got to pee? I'm not losing my pole position just because Joe Nemechek in the bitch seat has weak kidneys".

Other drivers were more enthused. "I've got some cool car games and a tricked-out DVD player. I'm pumped!" said Tony Stewart.

Set to start this Saturday, NASCARPOOL's debut race pits Michael Waltrip, Dave Blaney, Ken Schrader and Jeff Green in the Jack Daniel's car against Jeff Gordon, Bobby Hamilton Jr., Jimmie Johnson and Casey Mears in the DuPont car; and Tony Stewart, Sterling Marlin, Greg Biffle and Kyle Petty in the Home Depot car.

Tickets for the race are still available.



Michael Waltrip, Ken Schrader, Dave Blaney and Jeff Green race their way to the finish line.

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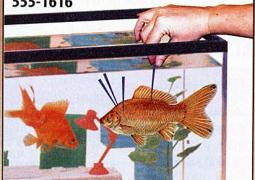
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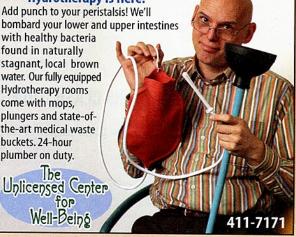
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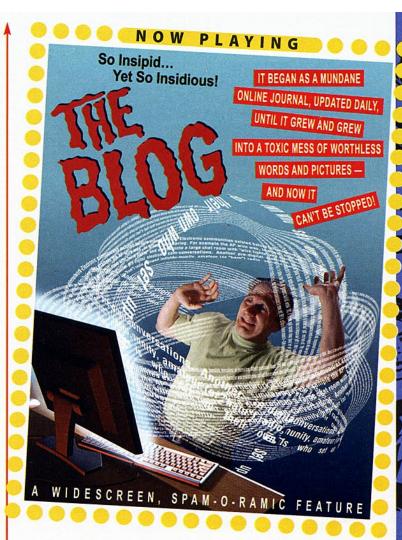
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THE GODFREY REPORT

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BITTERMAN



Yeah, my high school years were a pain in the ass — nothing but a lot of ridicule and embarrassment. Between the name-calling and daily beatings, I hated getting up each morning and facing my miserable life.







THE COVER WE DIDN'T USE



THEFUNDALINIPAGES

GRAPHIC NOVEL REVIEW

THE EXHAUSTIVELY UNCONDENSED HAGAR THE HORRIBLE 1973-2006

By Dik and Chris Browne, \$149.95

It's truly a golden age for comic completists. The complete run of Peanuts will fill a 26-book series. A thick, hardbound box set collected every Far Side cartoon, with sketches and annotation. And the 22-pound Complete Calvin & Hobbes was a best-selling Christmas gift last year.

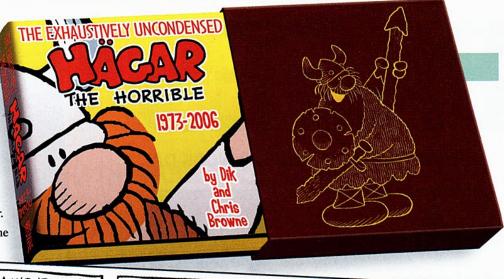
But those were just the preambles. Now, finally, the greatest comic strip of all time has received the same deluxe treatment. Hagar the Horrible. Universally acknowledged as the masterpiece of flavorless Viking-themed banter, Hagar has been delighting Chris Browne's landscaper and investment banker for a generation.

Granted, for the unlucky few who haven't encountered the strip, the world of Hagar the Horrible can take a little getting used to. He's a fat Viking. There, now you're up to speed.

Debuting in February, 1973, the varied cast of characters have starred in more than 12,000 endlessly fascinating installments. There's Hagar; as mentioned, he's a Viking. Then there's Helga, a woman married to a Viking. Throw in two Viking children, and wait for the fireworks to begin! We've been waiting since February, 1973, but fireworks are always worth the wait.

It's fascinating to watch the strip develop over time. In its early period, the sidekick character Lucky Eddie has four rivets on his skinny metal hat. But as Dik Browne found his rhythm and the cartoon grew more assured, this design was eventually streamlined to three rivets. It's wild twists like this that make longtime fans feel as if they've watched the characters grow up on paper.

All of your favorites are included: Snert the dog! Dr. Zook! Lute, the lazy poet guy! The tax collector guy! The lawyer guy with the scroll! The guy in the suit of armor! The narcoleptic inventor guy! The pillpopping philosopher guy! The whaling Mexican! Okay, those last three characters we totally made up. But admit it, you had no idea.









While solidly in the "gag-a-day" tradition, Hagar the Horrible's creators were never afraid to take bold chances. In a remarkable 2-episode story arc from 1986, Hagar's wooden ship is shown teetering over a waterfall in the first strip. The next day, nervous readers raced for their newspapers to learn which characters would survive the terrible plunge. They were treated to a bravura conclusion in which the crew is downstream, bailing water out of their boat with buckets. "Is everyone okay?" asks Hagar. "Yes," replies Lucky Eddie, holding up his bucket, "but I'm feeling a little pail." Hagar the Horrible appears in more than 1,800 newspapers.

While this sort of gripping drama didn't happen every decade, the other 11,998 strips still provide literally dozens of laughs. Fans will see Hagar head off to re-re-invade England 2,840 times, Helga stirring a big pot 2,055 times, and Hagar and Eddie leaning on a bar 1,772 times. The undeceptively simple drawing - a thatched roof here, a table there not only alludes to the psychic emptiness of Norwegian playwright Henrik Ibsen, but also enables Browne to make even the earliest tee times.





"I'VE ALWAYS PRIDED MYSELF ON MANAGING TWO CAREERS AT THE SAME TIME."

FRIENDS OF FUNDALINI

Ina Painta

Simon Rich

HOMO ON THE RANGE DEPT.

Here's a film everyone is getting behind. Um, no. Change that. This is one of the most touching films you'll ever see. Uh, no, scratch that. No. Don't scratch anything! This is a film chicks dig, but a lot of guys are afraid to get into. Aw, shucks, one last try... Take a lazy summer, add majestic scenery, throw in two hunky ranch hands and a thousand sheep – and nothing good is going to come out of this situation. Except box office gold! Here is...

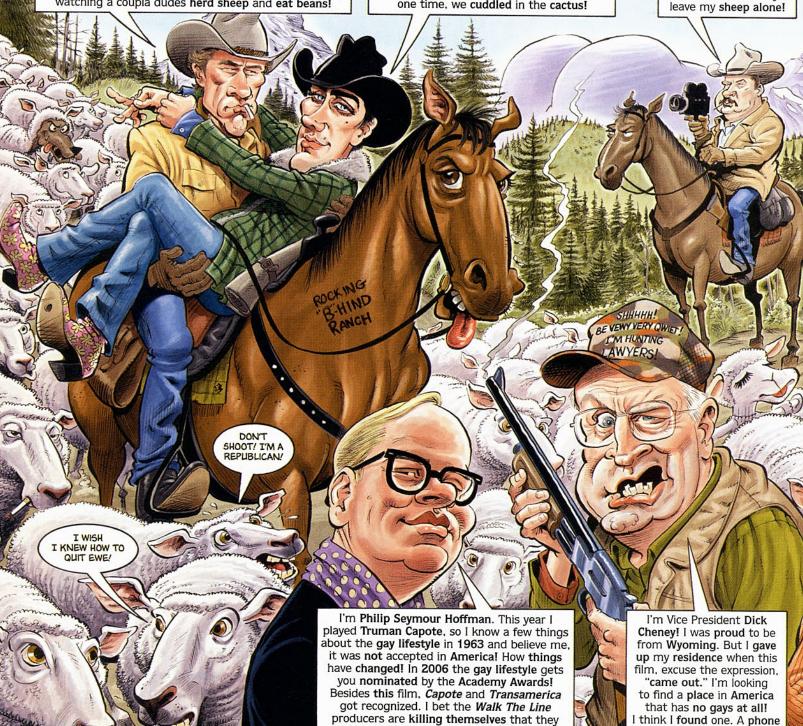
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My name is Emmis Dull Mar. I'm a man of few words. Most of them mumbled and inaudible! I'm on the quiet side. Keep things to myself. A stranger to emotional expression. Okay, I have the personality of a wood chip! This film is about the summer of 1963. Something happened to me on Barebutt Mountain that changed my life. And, it wasn't poison ivy! I don't regret what happened for one minute. Heck, if it didn't happen, there is no way movie audiences would sit for two hours watching a coupla dudes herd sheep and eat beans!

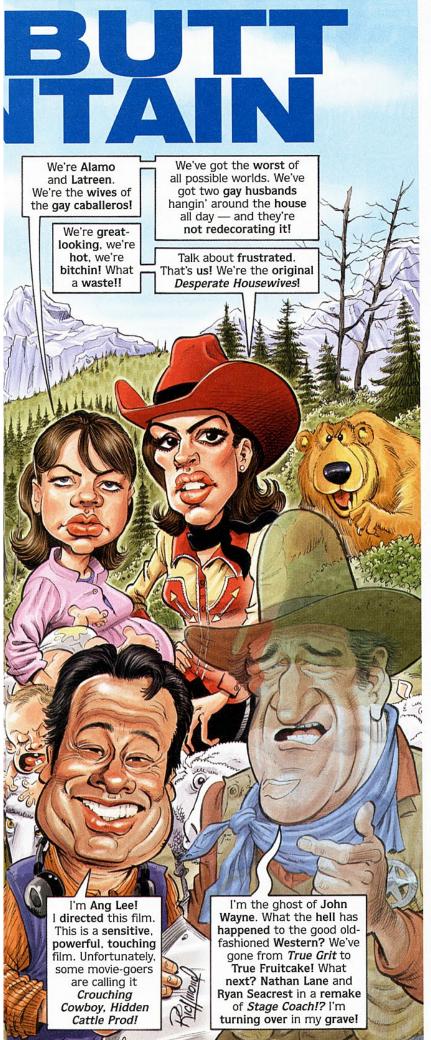
I'm Jock Twitt. I'm a hard-riding rodeo cowboy. But in this film, saddle sores are the least of my problems! At Barebutt that summer I discovered a new activity and it was a lot more fun than playing the harmonica! Society frowned on what Emmis and I did. It was dangerous, it was painful! We snuggled in the sagebrush, we tumbled in the tumbleweed and unfortunately, one time, we cuddled in the cactus!

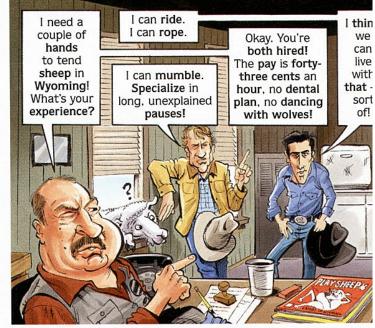
I'm Jolt Agoura, the ranch owner! Somethin' strange and unnatural is going on up there in Barebutt between them two cowboys I done hired. But I don't mind. I figure if they have each other then they'll leave my sheep alone!

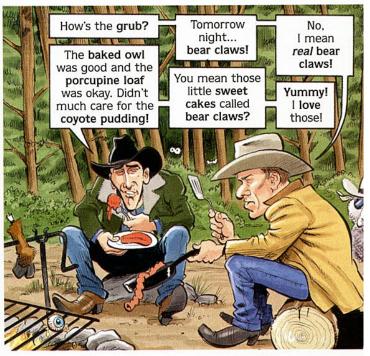
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didn't include the song "A Boy Named Sue"!







WRITER: ARNIE KOGEN

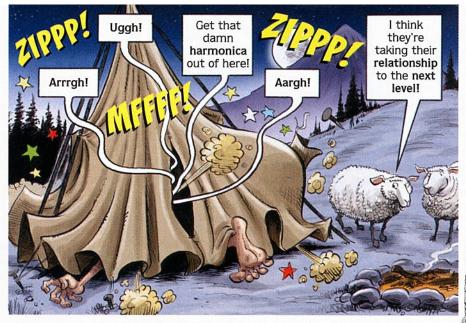
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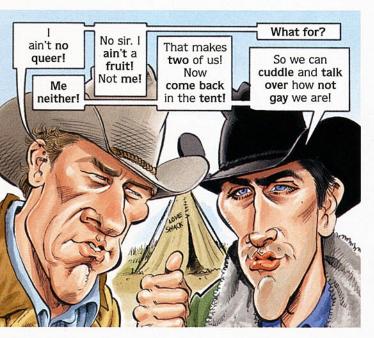
Every day it's the same borin' things over and over. Choppin' wood, herdin' sheep, whittlin', bad harmonica playin'! It sure is uneventful round these parts!

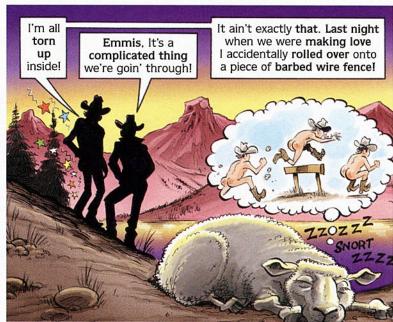
Emmis, did anyone ever tell you when the moon hits your eyes just right, and the light of the campfire sorta plays on your face,

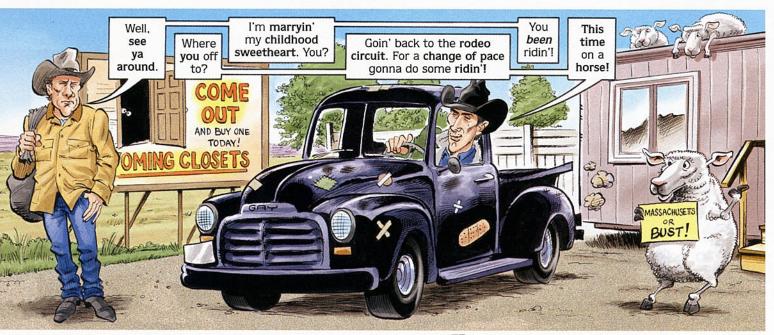


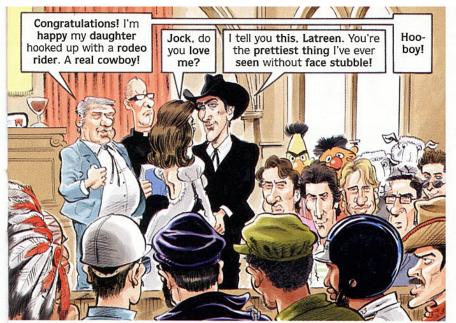


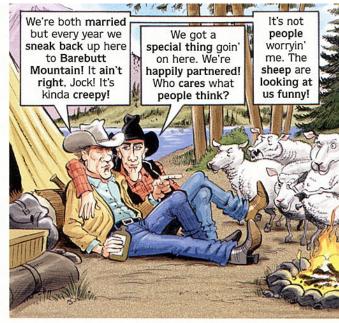




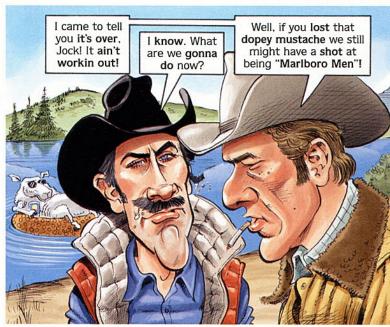


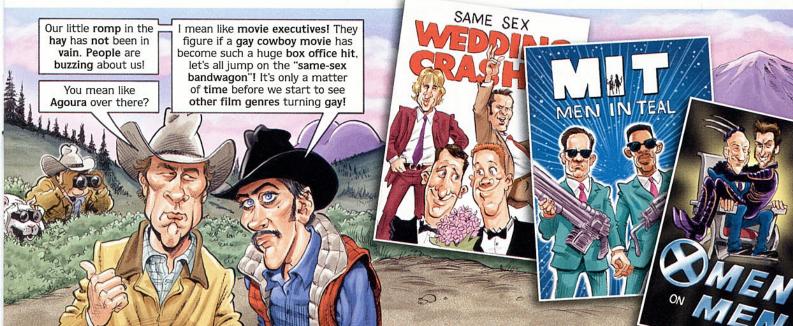








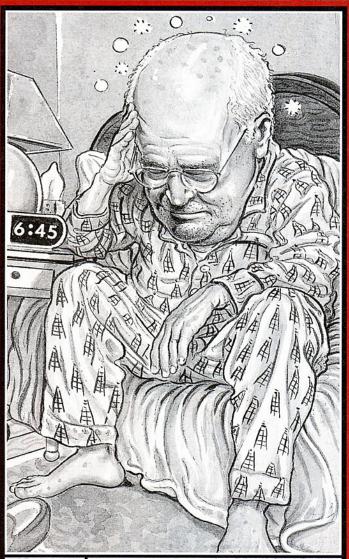




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What does the most mysterious, powerful and scary-looking Vice President (or as we call him, "Mr. De Facto President") in the history of the universe do all day? Whatever the hell he wants! Here's...

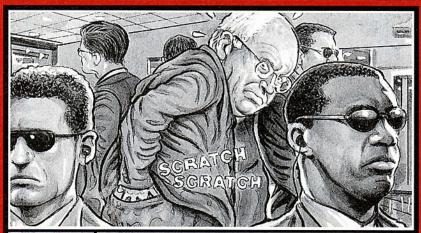
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6:45 A.M. Start the day bright and early.



6:46 A.M. Experience shortness of breath getting out of bed, rushed to hospital.



1:32 A.M. Scratch an i

Scratch an itch in an undisclosed location.



12:03 P.M.

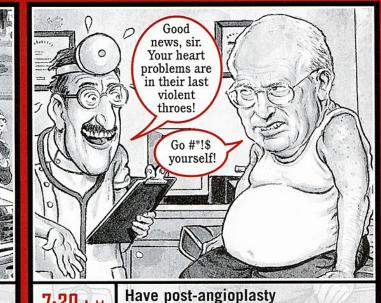
Put on a happy face for meet-and-greet photo op with foreign diplomats.



1:38 P.M.

Secretly listen in on wiretap he personally installed on President Bush's Oval Office telephone line.

LIFE OF DICK-CHENEY





7:39 A.M. Have post-angioplasty consultation with doctor.

Conspire with big oil fat cats and cronies to raise the price of gas.



11:42 A.M.

Experience shortness of breath dialing phone, rushed to the hospital.



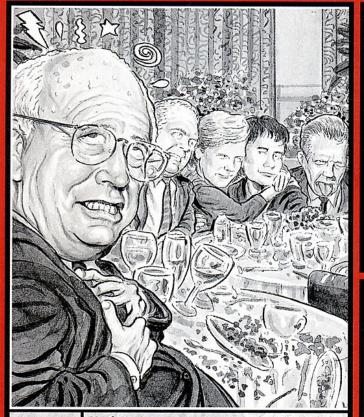
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Waste two hours in new secret underground bunker waiting for cable guy, who never shows up.



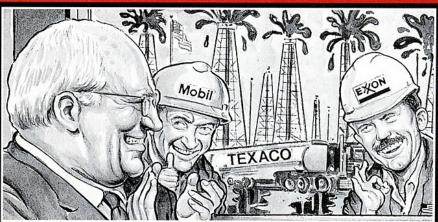
5:25 P.M.

Accidentally shoot member of hunting party during afternoon quail hunt; make mental note to invite Hillary Clinton next time.



7:18 P.M.

Notice daughter Mary and her lesbian life-partner seated at a table between Pat Robertson and a representative from the American Family Association. Experience shortness of breath, rushed to hospital.



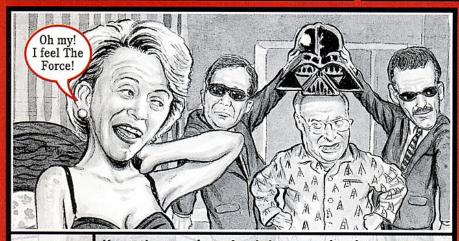
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Via direct satellite hook-up, assess "progress on the ground" in Iraq.



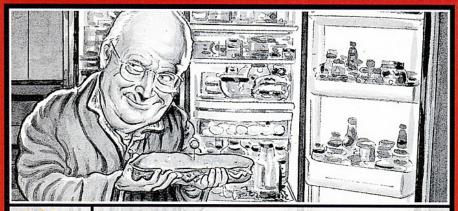
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Finally get around to updating "Friends" section on Myspace.com.



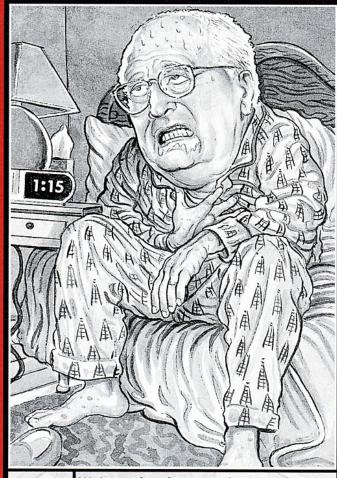
11:28 р.м.

Keep the marriage fresh by engaging in some fantasy role-playing with Lynne before going to bed.



12:35 A.M.

"Unannounced visit" to fridge for late night hoagie.



1:15 A.M.

Wake up in middle of night, experience shortness of breath, rushed to hospital.



Check it out there's a street vendor outside selling these things for five bucks apiece!

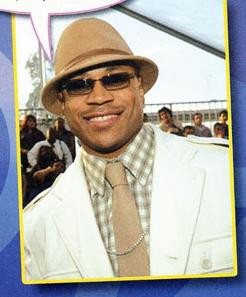
Call the police! Justin Timberlake is backstage pulling that "wardrobe malfunction" bull#&\$% again!

Seriously, for just 10 minutes, could you take off the friggin' hat?!

No, I'm not preparing for a movie role as a 1950s Florida tourist why do you ask?



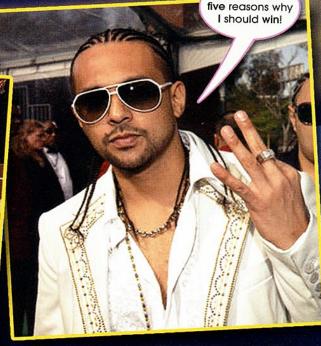




MAD'S OUT OF TUNE GRAMMY OUTTAKES

A lot of critics consider me a pop tartlet and don't take me seriously as a singer, but they'll soon be eating humble pie — off my sweet, sweet ass! Doesn't it look fantastic?



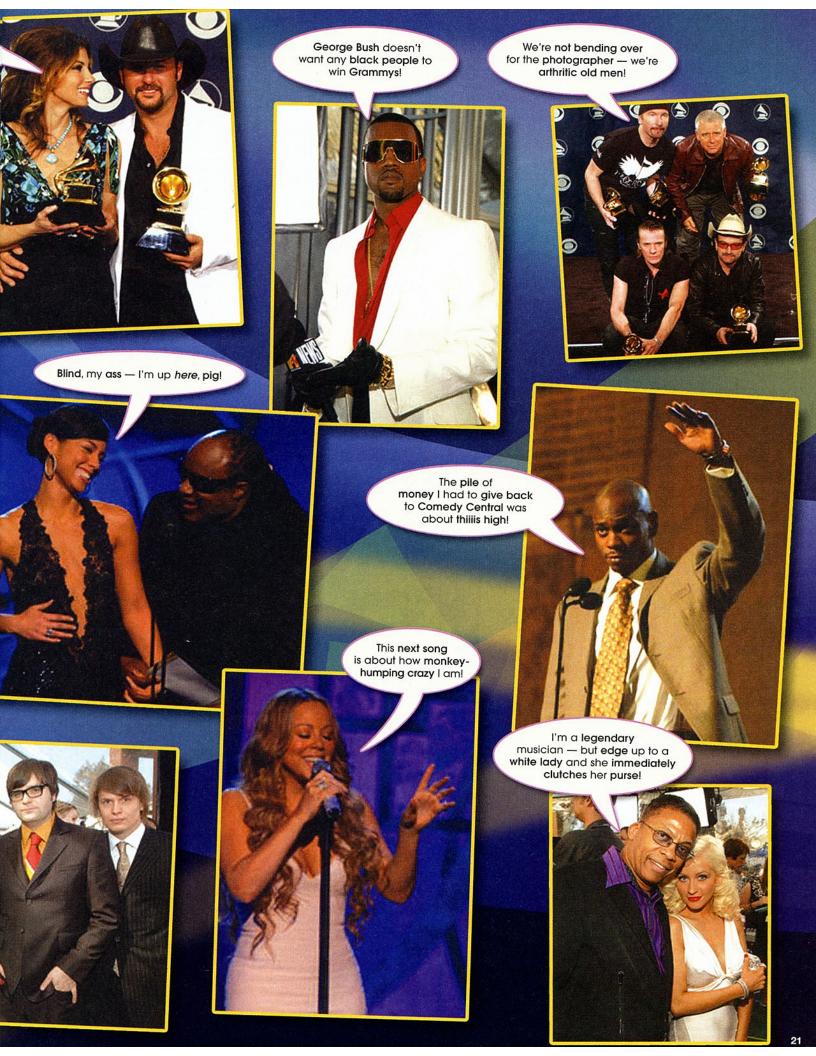


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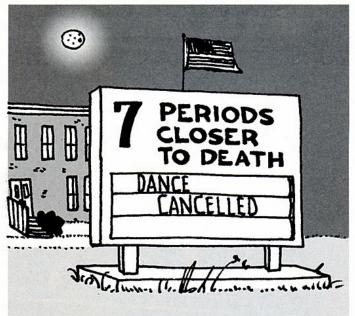


No, we're NOT those Price Waterhouse guys who keep the balloting secret!











NO. THAT'S THE POINT! 1 STARE AT YOU EVERY DAY BUT I NEVER HAVE THE GUTS TO ASK YOU OUT



"IN MY DREAM, YOU COME UP TO ME AT OUR 20TH CLASS REUNION AND CONFESS THAT YOU'D ALWAYS HAD THE HOTS FOR ME.

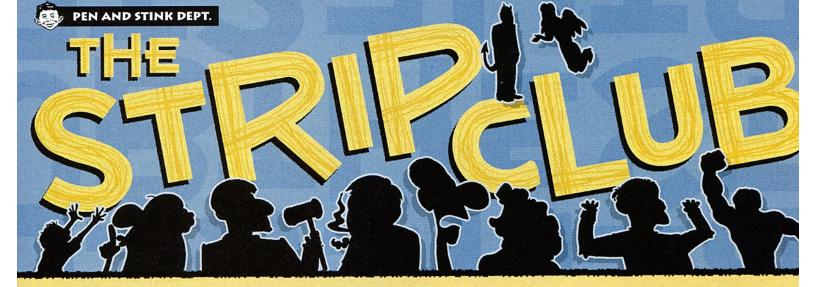


SO RATHER THAN RISK A TRAGIC LOSS OF LOVE-YEARS, I VOWED TO ASK YOU HERE AND NOW: DO YOU HAVE THE HOTS FOR ME?

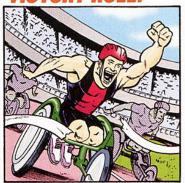








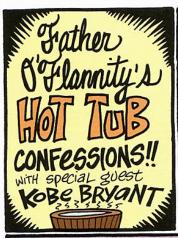
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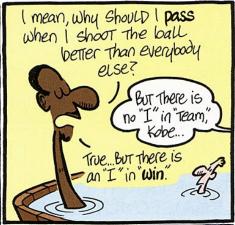


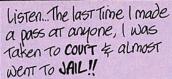












learned my lesson!











UNDEFEATABLE. INDESTRUCTIBLE.
UNSTOPPABLE. BUT WILL HE
KEEP WINNING?



FANTABULAMAN IS ARGUING WITH HIS GIRLFRIEND.

NO! YOU KNOW BUT YOU'RE FANTABULAMAN! YOU COULD ENLOY ANY FOOD-IF YOU WANTED TO!

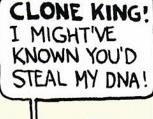
HEY YOU-GET



I'M FANTABULAMAN AND THIS IS MY OFFICE! BUT WHO-WHAT-ARE YOU?



AND HE'S NOT THE ONLY ONE! BEHOLD MY ARMY OF UNDEFEATABLE FANTABULATOTS - ALL GENETIC DUPLICATES OF YOU AND ALL JUST AS POWERFUL!





FANTABULAMAN
QUICKLY RESORTS
TO HIS LATENT
LEGAL POWER—
AS A FAMILY COURT
JUDGE!



I HEREBY DECLARE MYSELF "DE FACTO GUARDIAN" OF THE FANTA-BULATOTS UNDER THE CHILD SUPPORT STANDARDS ACT OF 1997, AND AM SENDING YOU ALL OFF TO BOARDING SCHOOL. SEE YOU IN 20 YEARS, KIDS!!



NICE JOB, AS USUAL. BUT HOW ARE YOU GOING TO SEND ALL THOSE BRATS TO COLLEGE?

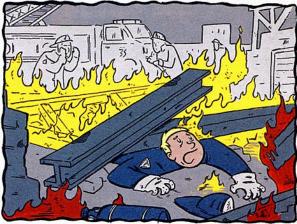
I SOLD SPIELBERG MY NEW SCREENPLAY— ABOUT THE FANTABULATOTS! I'M COMING OUT AHEAD—

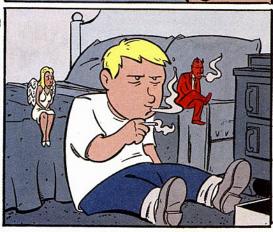


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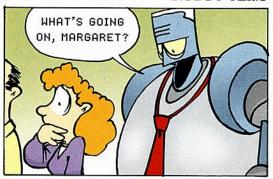




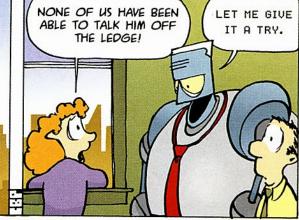




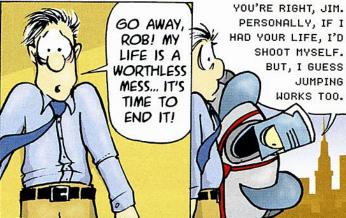


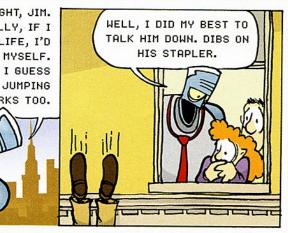
















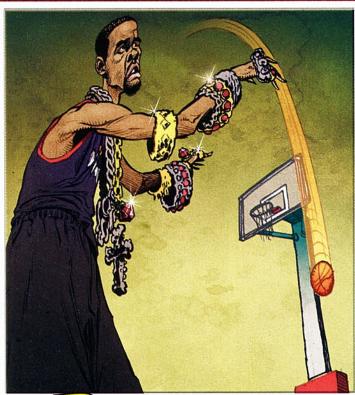


SHOOTING FROM THE FOUL RHYME DEPT.

There's lots of stuff in the NBA that can be confusing — collective bargaining agreements, player-control fouls, and, most of all, those crappy "Meet the LeBrons" Nike commercials. Good thing you can study up with...

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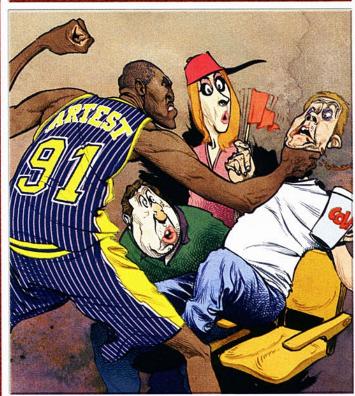


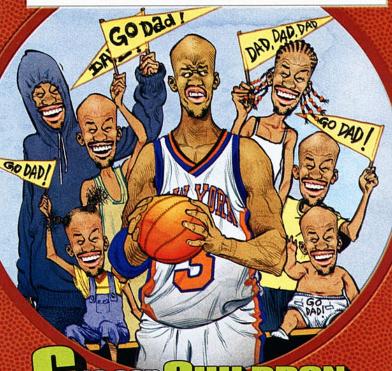
is for <mark>BLING</mark>

Most players like showing off their Bling And diamonds make them look so cute, But they spend so much time shopping for jewels They've no time to learn how to shoot!

is for <mark>H</mark>

You'll stand up and cheer for Ron Artest When he knocks his foes on their butts, But when he comes after you up in the stands You'll realize he's totally nuts!

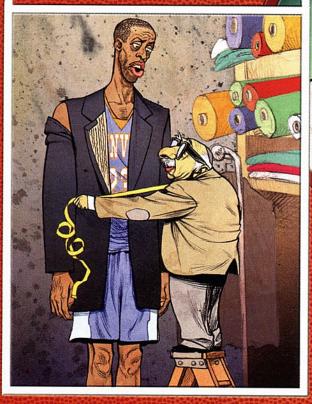


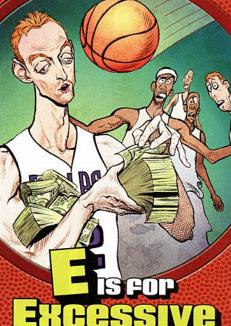


At games there are hundreds of Children And not because hoops are a fad, With so many players bed hopping These kids come to root for their dad!

D is for Ones

The players all bitched 'bout the Dress Code No sweatsuits or T-shirts or boots, But is it so much of a "hardship" For rich guys to wear ties and suits?

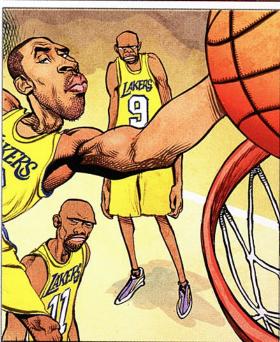




Excessive! Enormous! Expensive! We think all these words fit the bill. You know that the system is screwed up When scrubs get paid more than 10 mil!

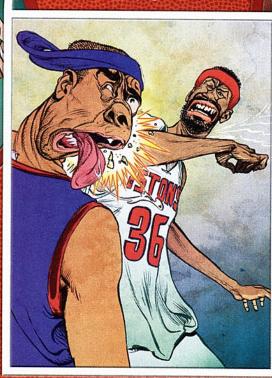
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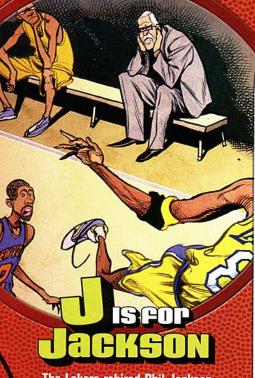
And while on the subject of Kobe
His 81 in a day's work,
Did not do much to change the hard truth
That most people think he's a jerk!



s for FOULS

Yes, getting Fouled is part of the game But when guys get beaten to hell, It seems the goons in the NBA Should be playing in the NHL!





The Lakers rehired Phil Jackson
A master of coaching and Zen,
But true inner peace will elude him
Since he's stuck with Kobe again!

LeBron is the
The sports netw
He plays a pe



The sports networks love him sooo much,
He plays a perfect all-around game
But can't hit a shot in the clutch!



GROUPLES

At NBA games there are Groupies
Easy picking for guys they adore,
Though players can't shoot from the baseline
In hotel rooms they always score!

Merchandising is how teams gouge you

A jersey costs 300 bucks!

Guys buy them and think they're "real fans,"

IS FOR N

Headcases abound on the hardwood Don't think so? Well, here's a quick list: There's Marbury, Sprewell and K-Mart And lots more, but you get the gist!



I'm open! I'm open! I'm open! I'm open! I'm open! I'm open! ISFOP INCRESON

Iverson's the Sixers' best player Likes chucking the ball up a lot, His teammates would love to shoot also If just once he'd pass up a shot!

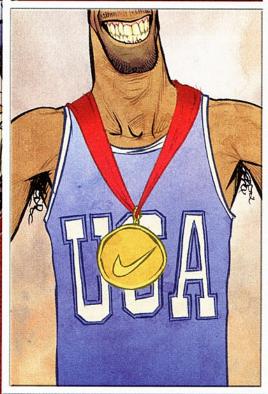
U is for OLYMPICS

Pros like to go for O-lympic gold Supporting their nation? No no! They couldn't care less about country What they want is endorsement dough!





We stand in awe of the New York Knicks — Who pull off an amazing feat, Play the worst ball that we've ever seen And still charge a grand for a seat!



IS FOR

Pat Riley claimed he was quite happy And wouldn't try coaching again, For someone who preaches team "loyalty" He sure did screw over his "friend"!

V is for VOLUME

Arenas pump up speaker Volume In order to "pump up" the crowd; Please note when your eardrums are bleeding Perhaps it's "pumped" slightly too loud!



O Is cor Quiet

When the Bobcats play it's so Quiet You won't hear the fans shout or scream, In fact, they will likely leave early When they give up just like their team!



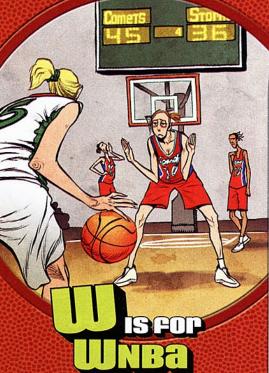
Ratings

1996 1998 2000 2002 2004 2006

The Ratings since Jordan retired Keep falling, this year yet again, You know that your league's in big trouble When more people watch UPN!

K is for KBOX

Play NBA Live on your Xbox It's so real, there's even head fakes! Like watching an actual broadcast Without all the commercial breaks!

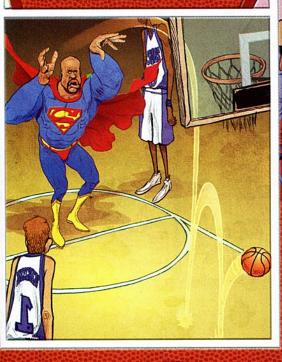


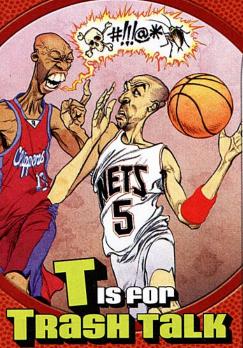
We think women athletes are super Like men they are rugged, not tame; But nothing on Earth is more boring Than WNBA games!



Sis for SHAQUILLE

Shaquille has a Superman tattoo, He flexes wherever he goes, But one fact does seem to elude him A real Man of Steel hits free throws!





Trash Talk is insulting and vulgar
To be frank, we think it's quite lame,
Instead of the swearing and cursing
Shut the \$&@* up, and just play the game!

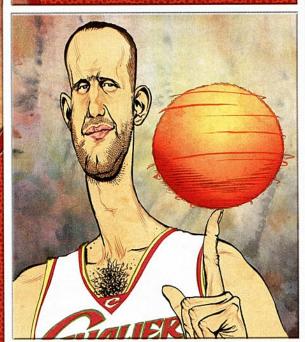
Upper Level

When seated in the Upper Level, You'll find that you're easily bored; You can't see a thing from the nosebleeds, But they're all Average Joes can afford!



Z is for Zyndrungs

And last there's Zyndrunas Ilgauskas A tall guy, LeBron's fellow Cav; We're sure you can see why we chose him, He's the only "Z" that we have!



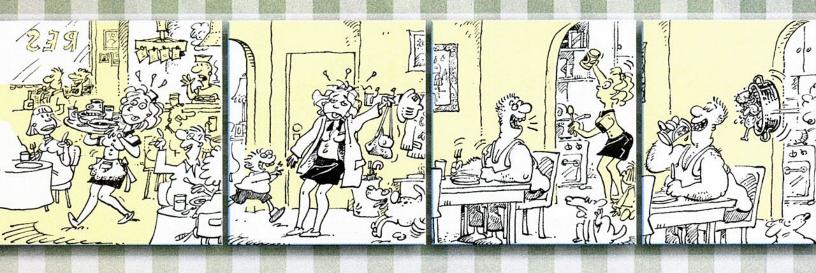


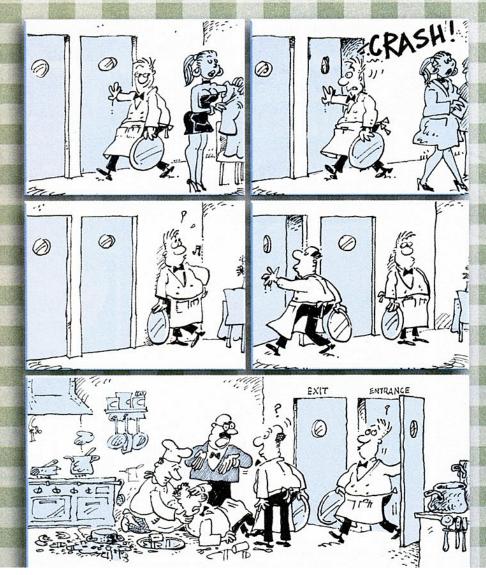
US FOR WINE

Yao Ming is a seven-foot giant It's awesome to watch this guy play, Wears shoes that his countrymen crafted — For less than a quarter a day!

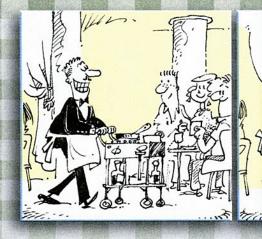


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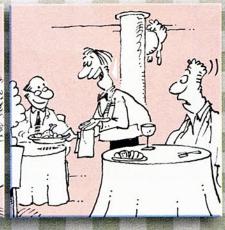










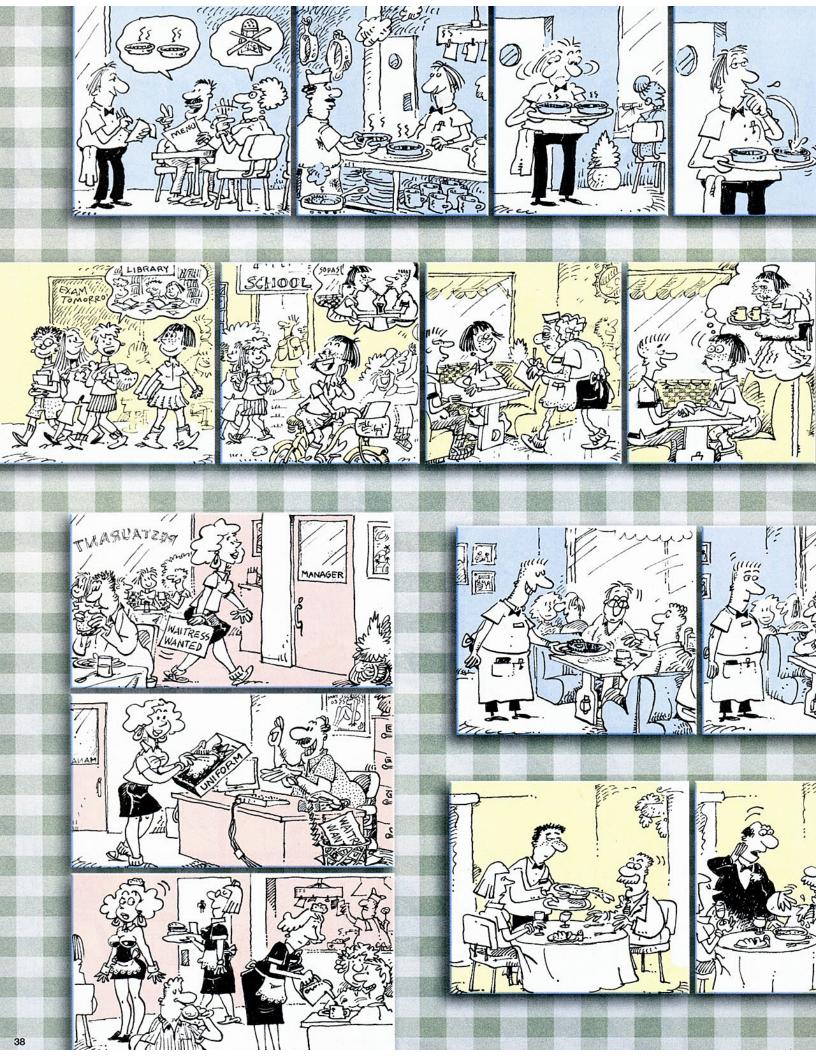


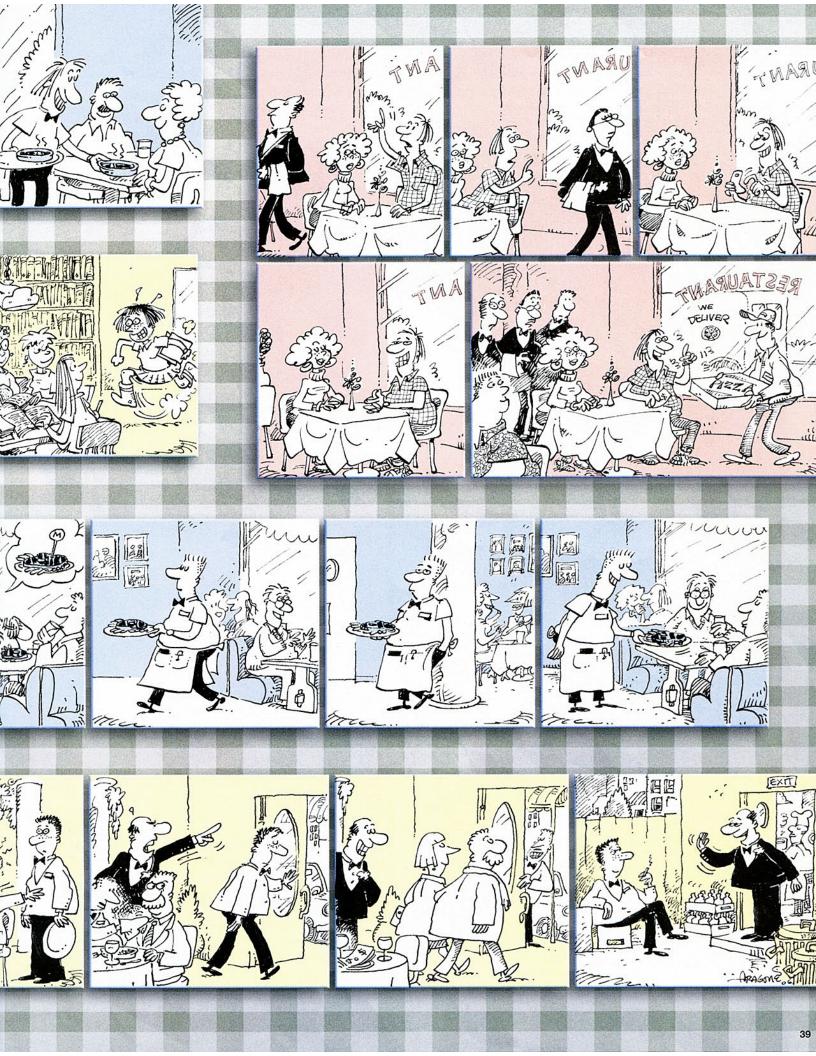






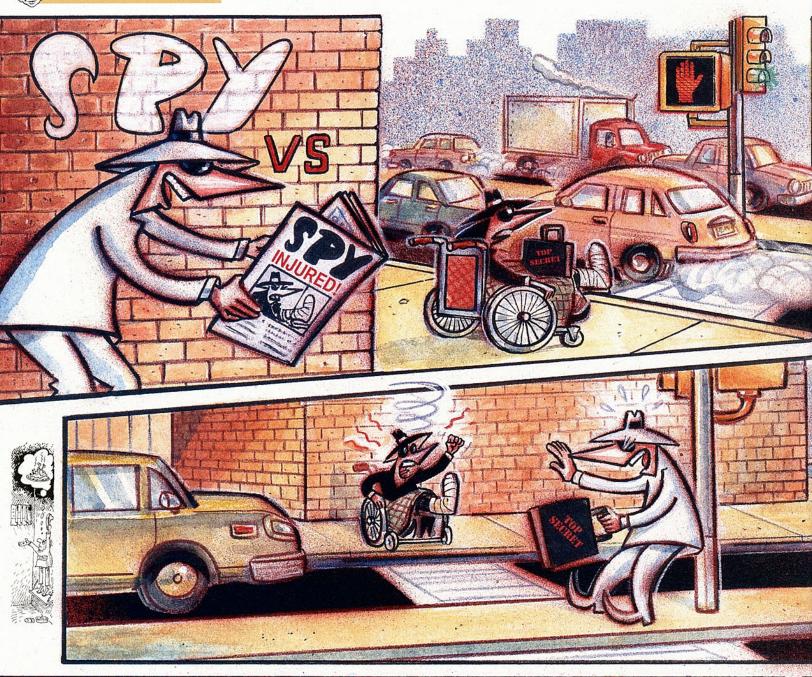


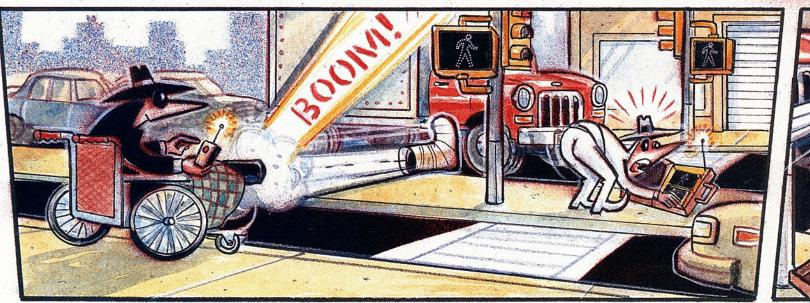


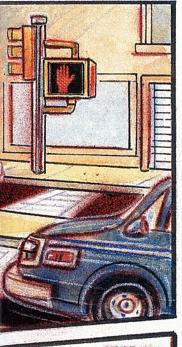


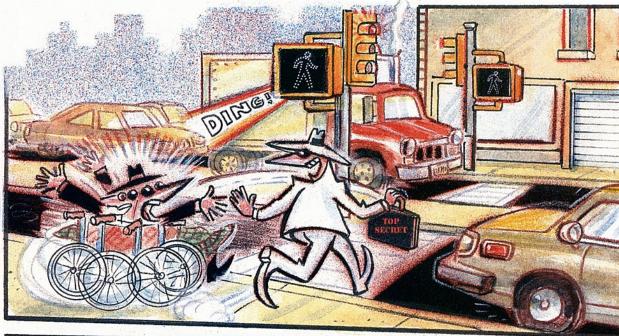








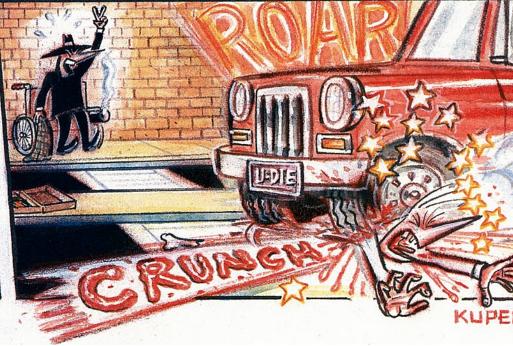












YOU'VE GOT JAIL DEPT.

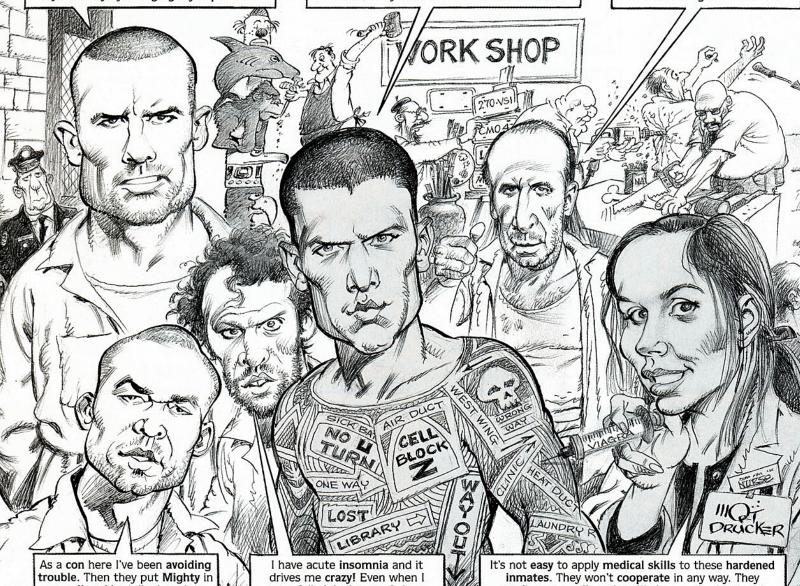
Here's a switch – most prisoners in jail swear they're innocent and should be set free. But here's a guy who pretended to rob a bank just so he could get arrested and be put in jail! Meet the...



I'm Leaking Buckets and I'm on Death Row, wrongly convicted for assassinating the Vice President's brother! I'm scheduled to be electrocuted soon. But I'm not too worried! With the way Fox stretched their hit TV show 24, I'm sure I'll be alive and breathing as long as the ratings hold up! I have something else going for me, too. I have so little facial expression, I'm willing to bet the warden thinks I'm dead already! Ha! Ha! Oops, I gotta be careful. I almost gave myself away by changing my expression!

I'm Mighty Scoff-Field! Leaking Buckets is my brother! I committed a crime just so I'd be arrested and put in prison so I can help my brother escape! How? See these tattoos on my chest and arms? They're the blueprints for this prison! Years ago I helped remodel this facility so I know how to break out of here! There's just one big problem. The food here is so crappy I've been losing weight since day one! Now with all these wrinkles on my body I can't tell if those things on my side are the air conditioning ducts or my ribs! Hmm...I think it's both!

They call me Abruptly! I run the prison workshop! Inmates work long hours for pennies! Sometimes I make them work overtime with no pay at all! Benefits? I let them breathe! Most inmates think I'm this mean because I was a mob boss on the outside. Truth is, I learned how to scare employees half to death from my years as a store manager at Wal-Mart!



trouble. Then they put Mighty in my cell and he talked me into breaking out. I just hope this guy is on the level. He told me that the tattoos on his body are really part of an escape plan! I'm worried though. Later he said he wanted to show me the path on his body that leads to the escape hose I'd have to climb down!

drives me crazy! Even when I get a full eight hours of sleep, but the only thing I dream is that I'm wide awake! Here at Foxy River prison I'm known as a crackpot and loose cannon. And it's no wonder. In all my time here I've never had a visit from anyone in my family! The ingrates!

Now I'm glad I murdered them all in cold blood before I got here!

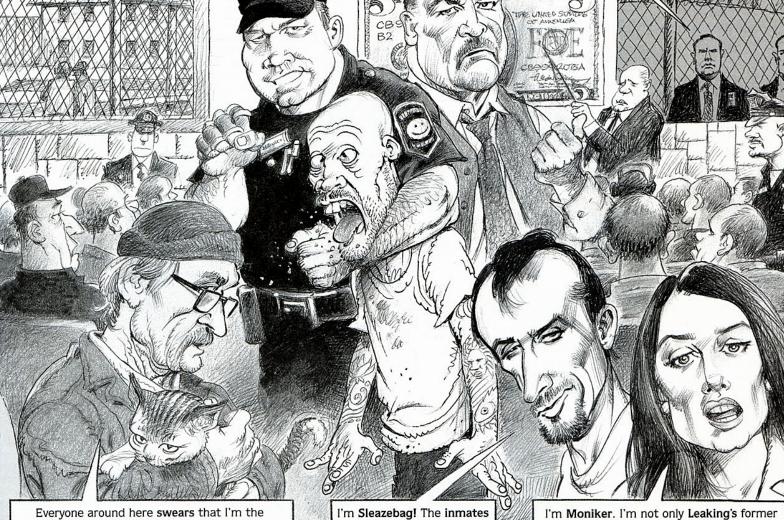
inmates. They won't cooperate in any way. They won't even swallow the pills I prescribe for them! Fortunately, it's not that way with our TV audience, who seems quite willing to swallow any ridiculous contrivance we throw their way, like this one—
I just happened to be the Governor's daughter! I've been giving Mighty shots every day for diabetes. The strange thing is, my tests shows he doesn't have diabetes. But that's okay, I'm still gonna give him shots everyday but I'll inject him with Viagra. That should bring our simmering erotic feelings to a head!

I'm Captain Wallop! I rule this place with an iron fist. Well not really an iron fist, more like brass knuckles! I don't allow the cons in here to get away with nothin'! Like this clown! He's got a big mouth. I caught him telling the new cons that I was a sadist! Me a sadist? I'm gonna knock that thought right out of his *&^%ing little head!

As warden here, I feel a prison's job is rehabilitation! That way, when inmates are released they'll have something to fall back on. And I think the prisoners agree. Just look at how many of them are attending this course I started in the "art of engraving"!

We're with the most secret part of the secret service! Our job is to help protect our country no matter how many honest citizens we have to kill! Is Leaking guilty? Who knows, who cares! You know how cops have a quota for tickets? We have a quota for deaths!

We're very top, top secre
The White House
doesn't even know our
names to leak them to
the press! Officially we'n
not even recognized
as working for the
Government. It makes
getting paid difficult. Eve
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we have to kill the telle
Talk about secret!



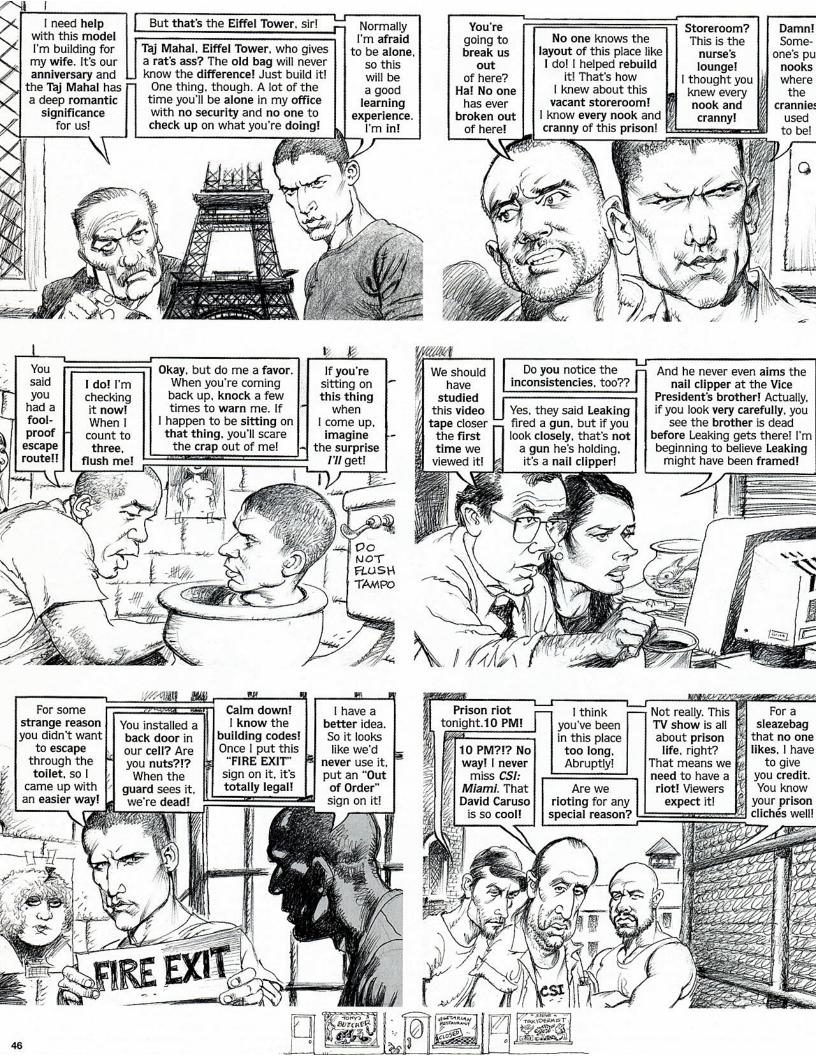
Everyone around here swears that I'm the infamous D.B. Cooper who jumped out of a plane thirty years ago with a million and a half dollars in cash. They're wrong! If I had a million and a half I would have bought a parachute before I jumped! You'll notice I'm the only one

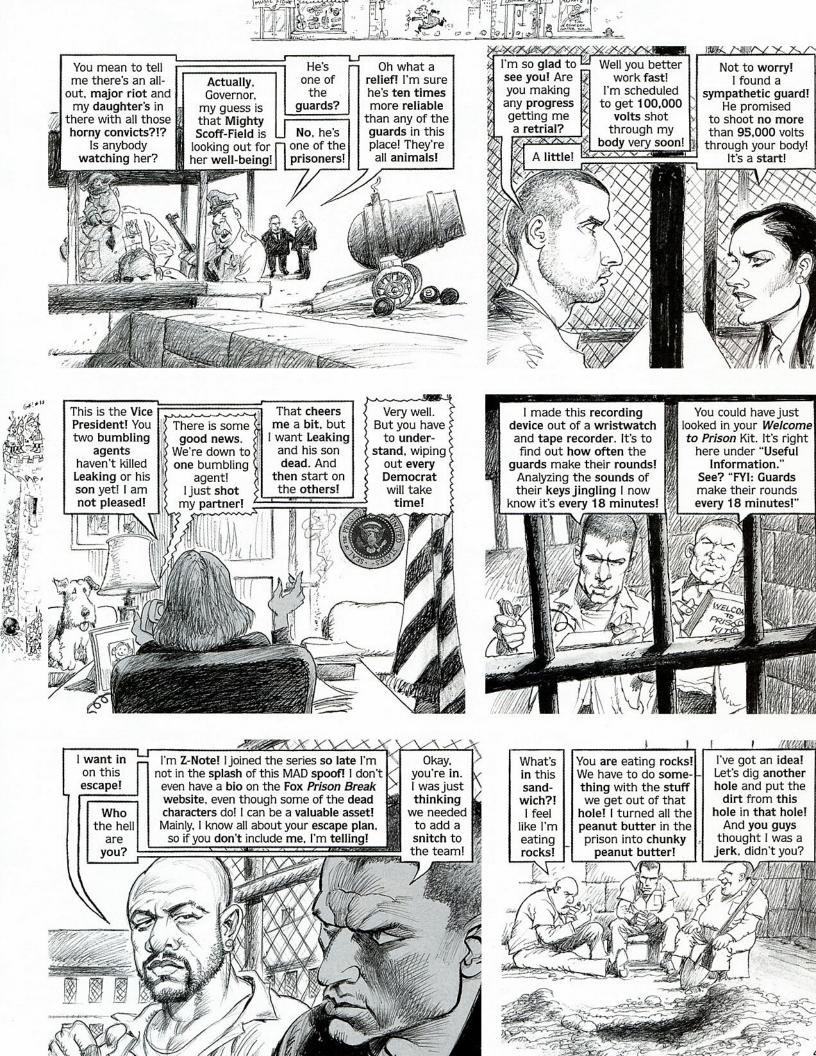
in the prison who's allowed to have a cat. It was grandfathered in before they prohibited pets. Unfortunately, I'm allowed to have a cat, but not any kitty litter. That's why I spend as much time as possible out here in the prison yard. The stench in my cell is worse than the gas chamber!

I'm Sleazebag! The inmates here think I'm nothing more than a sniveling little trouble maker. They never give me credit for any of the positive things I do here to make their stay memorable. Like that race riot that's gonna happen a few panels from now. Who do you think organized that?

Me, that's who!

I'm Moniker. I'm not only Leaking's former girlfriend, but I'm also an attorney! When he was convicted of murder I told him I was glad, but that was just to get even for his dumping me! But now I think his "conspiracy notion" might be correct and that he didn't commit the murder. So now I've done a 360 and I'm working to find evidence that will allow him to have a retrial! I'm also working on a law that will make it illegal for TV programs to make viewers swallow as many contrivances as this series does each week!







WHAT INFESTATION ARE MORE AND MORE AMERICANS FEARING LATELY?

HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS

Every few years there's a new disturbing threat that scares and unsettles the entire country. Precautions are taken to set people's minds at ease, but in the end, there is no full-proof defense. To find out what scourge really has people's skin crawling lately, fold page in as shown.

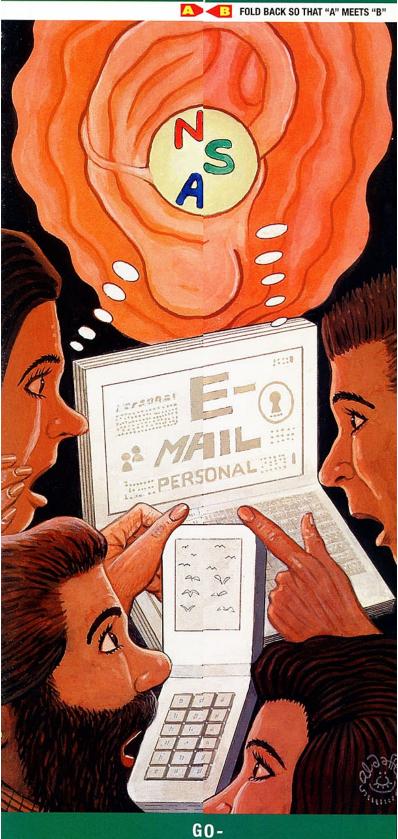




GHASTLY PROBLEMS NOW FACE US. THE THREAT, O-VERALL, IS TO OUR WAY OF LIFE. IT'S A BAD ENVIRONMENT TO LIVE IN. IT HAS CAUSED PEOPLE TO SUFFER BOUTS OF DEPRESSION AND DEPENDENCE ON DRUGS

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